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2017 Yukon River Fall Salmon Fishery News Release # 8

Subdistrict 4-A Subsistence Fishing Schedule

Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area
Fall Season Emergency Order # 9

The Fall Season Emergency Order number was updated in this revised new release. Original content remains the same.

The 2017 fall chum salmon preseason projection is for a run size greater than 1.1 million fish. The estimated fall chum salmon passage at the mainstem sonar near Pilot Station through July 21 is 196,200 fish, which is above the historical median of 46,300 fish for that date. Consistent with transitioning to fall season management, the following management actions will occur in the Subdistrict 4A.

Subdistrict 4-A (from $\frac{3}{4}$ mile downstream of Old Paradise Village upstream to Cone Point, including the Anvik River, which includes the communities of Anvik, Grayling, Kaltag, Nulato, and Koyukuk):

Subsistence fishing is currently on the regulatory fishing schedule of two 48-hour periods per week with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh size set gillnets and fish wheels:

- **6 p.m. Wednesdays until 6 p.m. Fridays**
- **6 p.m. Sundays until 6 p.m. Tuesdays**

Effective 6 p.m. on Tuesday, July 25, subsistence fishing in Subdistrict 4A will be open on a 5 day per week schedule of 6 p.m. Tuesdays until 6 p.m. Sundays with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh size set gillnets and fish wheels. Drift gillnet fishing is currently closed in Subdistrict 4A. **Effective 12:01 a.m. Thursday, August 3, drift gillnet fishing will be open in the upper portion of Subdistrict 4A** (Stink Creek to the tip of Cone Point and includes Kaltag, Nulato, and Koyukuk) for the remainder of the fall season.

Koyukuk River:

Subsistence fishing is open 24 hours a day, seven days per week with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and fish wheels.

During subsistence salmon fishing closures, fish wheels may not be operated. However, subsistence fishermen targeting non-salmon species may use 4-inch or smaller mesh size gillnets 24 hours per day, seven days per week.

Fishing schedules, test fish catches and sonar counts are available 24 hours a day at (866) 479-7387 (toll free outside of Fairbanks); in Fairbanks, call (907) 459-7387.

If you have any questions, please call ADF&G in Emmonak at 949-1320, or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Emmonak at 949-1798.

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